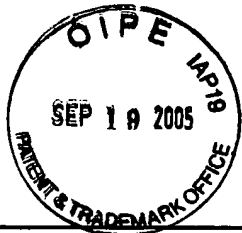


REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number: 10/029,016

Confirmation Number: 4438

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

First Named Inventor: CELESTE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: David S. Romeo

Attorney Docket Number: 08702.0051-02000

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: **Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise.** If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on [Date(s)] _____. An alternate submission is attached.
- c. ☒ Enclosed submission:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (one Month) \$120.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$[Text] enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge the above filing fees of \$910.00 as well as any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Mary K. Ferguson

Reg. No.: 51,674

Signature: *Mary K. Ferguson*

Date: *Sept. 19, 2005*

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10 OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

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